

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of  
*Vonderwalde et al.*

Examiner: U. T. Ho

For: STENT WITH COVER CONNECTORS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of August 20, 2003, please amend the  
above-identified application as indicated below. Please note the Change of Address  
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